

Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to appropriate an additional amount to improve the Navy shipyard infrastructure of the United States.

S. 1511

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1511, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1568, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a waiver of the cap on annual payments for nursing and allied health education payments.

S. 1578

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program for mental health professionals to relieve workforce shortages, and for other purposes.

S. 1784

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1784, a bill to amend the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act to modernize verification of contact lens prescriptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare pay-

ment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 1864

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1864, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require a section on reproductive rights in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1904

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1904, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for Palestinian terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 252, a resolution unequivocally condemning the recent rise in antisemitic violence and harassment targeting Jewish Americans, and standing in solidarity with those affected by antisemitism, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1768

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1768 intended to be proposed to S. 1260, a bill to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 1990. A bill to establish processes to control inflationary pressures and the Federal debt, during Federal debt emergencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, America is in a debt crisis. It appears, for Joe Biden and my colleagues across the aisle, reckless spending has only just begun. If left unchecked, this spending will be devastating for families in my State of Florida and all across our great Nation.

Washington's insane spending has our Federal debt rocketing toward \$30 trillion. That is equal to \$233,000 of

debt for every American family. Think about that. America's debt crisis, caused by decades of wasteful and reckless spending by Washington politicians, has now grown to the equivalent of every American family owing a quarter of a million dollars in debt. Yet Biden and my colleagues across the aisle want more.

President Biden is pushing for trillions in wasteful spending, raising the U.S. Federal debt by 60 percent, to \$39 trillion, and the debt-to-GDP ratio to 117 percent in 2030, the highest level ever recorded in American history.

Enough is enough. It is time to end the madness.

Today I am introducing the Federal Debt Emergency Control Act to help bring some accountability back to Washington.

On July 31, the current suspension of the Federal debt ceiling is set to expire, giving Congress a choice: Act responsibly to reduce Federal debt through structural reform to how we approach spending or suspend the debt ceiling again, allowing more reckless spending that will cripple our Nation with insurmountable debt.

Reckless spending has consequences. We are already seeing rising inflation. Let's remember, inflation doesn't hurt the rich, but it devastates our poorest families. It hurts families like mine growing up. It hurts poor families. It hurts people on fixed incomes. Just look around us. Milk prices are up. Bread prices are up. Gas prices are up. Meat prices are up. It seems like everything is up right now.

When inflation happened in the seventies, I watched. I watched what my parents went through. At that point, my mom was taking in ironing from other families to make ends meet. At the end of the day, whatever she had made that day, either my older brother or I would go to the grocery store, and we would watch—and she was worried about milk and food, all of the prices going up. She said, "You only have this amount of money," and we had to know what everything cost before we went to the checkout counter.

It is not fair. No family should have to go through worrying about the price of bread and milk and things going up week after week.

We can get control of inflation. We can put our Nation on a fiscally responsible path, but we have to have real solutions that hold Congress accountable.

My Federal Debt Emergency Control Act aims to rein in Washington's out-of-control spending with concrete checks and balances, including the declaration of a Federal debt emergency anytime the debt exceeds 100 percent of GDP.

By the way, once debt equals 100 percent of GDP, it is very difficult to start paying down debt. You have to dramatically either reduce spending or dramatically grow your economy.

Declaring a Federal debt emergency would initiate commonsense debt reduction measures, including a requirement that two-thirds of Congress vote

to increase the debt before approving any bill with deficit spending.

It would also terminate any unobligated funding for the American Rescue Plan Act and any previous stimulus bills, sending it back to the Treasury General Fund for deficit reduction to reduce our debt.

Finally, it would ensure that any bill reducing the Federal debt by at least 5 percent over 10 years is fast-tracked through the legislative process.

Everyone can get behind these commonsense measures. That is why my bill is already endorsed by the National Taxpayers Union, the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, Americans for Tax Reform, Americans for Prosperity, FreedomWorks, and Club for Growth.

I am also proud to have the support of Senators CRUZ, BRAUN, BLACKBURN, JOHNSON, BARRASSO, ERNST, and TUBERVILLE as cosponsors of this important legislation.

With President Biden's budget proposal—and just to put that in perspective, his budget proposal is \$6 trillion. This year, our Federal receipts are only going to be \$3.5 trillion. How can we expect to run trillions and trillions and trillions of dollars of deficit year after year? With his budget proposal, we see how important the need is to get Washington's awful spending habits under control and start paying down our debt.

I did it before. I did it as Governor of Florida. I walked in with a \$4 billion deficit. I started reducing taxes my first year. We reduced it every year in 8 years, and we cut over a third of the State debt. We did it by being responsible, by holding government accountable for watching how we spent every dollar. It can be done.

So getting back on track is possible, but it takes discipline. It takes accountability. It starts with taking concrete steps, like rejecting bloated budgets and passing commonsense legislation like the Federal Debt Emergency Control Act. We have the chance to do this. We know the vote over the debt ceiling increase is a tough vote for everybody. Let's take this opportunity to have real structural reform so we can start paying down our debt and not leave this debt to future generations.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 264—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THOUGHT, AND EXPRESSION

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 264

Whereas freedom of speech is one of the most basic values of the United States;

Whereas the ability of all people of the United States to speak, protest, and express their opinions publicly is central to the democratic process and to a free society;

Whereas the principles of the freedom of speech and the freedom of expression are under attack by people with the desire and means to suppress opinions that those people regard as offensive or contrary to prevailing dogmas;

Whereas efforts to stifle debate and silence dissenters are compounded by cancel culture, a movement to impose severe social and economic sanctions on those who express unpopular opinions;

Whereas the freedom of speech should not be dictated by the majority, nor should it be restricted to the freedom to discuss uncontroversial topics;

Whereas the freedom of speech includes the freedom to express views that are unpopular, controversial, and even offensive;

Whereas these attacks on the freedom of speech have resulted in a chilling effect on free expression and created fear of social, economic, and deadly retaliation;

Whereas the stifling of free expression and the resulting fear has exacerbated social tensions and divided the people of the United States;

Whereas, in January 2018, a student at Liberty High School in Oregon was suspended for wearing a shirt that supported President Donald Trump;

Whereas, in January 2018, authorities from the People's Republic of China pressured Marriott International to fire an employee for using the company's social media account to like a Twitter post from a Tibetan separatist group;

Whereas, in July 2018, the People's Republic of China pressured airline companies from the United States to alter their websites to recognize the country's claim to the island of Taiwan;

Whereas, in October 2019, Blizzard Entertainment temporarily banned Ng Wai Chung from their esports tournament for wearing a mask supporting protests in Hong Kong;

Whereas, in October 2019, Blizzard Entertainment temporarily banned an American University esports team from their competition for displaying a sign critical of the company and supporting protests in Hong Kong;

Whereas, in October 2019, authorities in the People's Republic of China pressured Daryl Morey, the general manager of the Houston Rockets basketball team, to apologize for expressing support on Twitter for protests in Hong Kong;

Whereas, in September 2020, the University of Southern California placed Professor Greg Patton on leave after explaining a word in the Mandarin language that is pronounced similarly to an offensive word in English during his lecture;

Whereas, in December 2020, opinion editor Adam Rubenstein resigned from the New York Times 6 months after he faced backlash from the staff of the New York Times for editing an opinion piece by Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas; and

Whereas, in February 2021, Lucasfilm fired actress Gina Carano after she authored a social media post calling on people not to hate their neighbors for their political views: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes that freedom of expression and freedom of speech are sacred ideals of the United States and should protect the freedom to peacefully express thoughts and opinions without fear.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 265—HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HEINOUS ATTACK AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB ON JUNE 12, 2016

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 265

Whereas, on June 12, 2016, a gunman inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria targeted the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, where he killed 49 innocent victims and wounded dozens more in a despicable attack;

Whereas the attack at the Pulse nightclub was an attack on the LGBTQ community, the Hispanic community, the City of Orlando, the State of Florida, and the United States;

Whereas the Orlando community continues to mourn the tragic loss of life, but has demonstrated remarkable strength, unity, and resilience in the aftermath of the horrendous event;

Whereas June 12 is designated as "Pulse Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida to honor the victims and survivors of the senseless attack;

Whereas the people of the United States continue to pray for those affected by the tragedy; and

Whereas June 12, 2021, marks 5 years since the lives of the 49 innocent victims were tragically cut short by the senseless act of terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 49 victims killed in the attack at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016, and offers heartfelt condolences to the families, loved ones, and friends of the victims;

(2) honors the dozens of survivors of the attack and pledges continued resolve to stand against terrorism and hate; and

(3) expresses gratitude to the brave law enforcement and emergency medical personnel who responded to the attack.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 266—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2021 AS "NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 266

Whereas more than an estimated 84,000 individuals will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor in the United States in 2021, and an estimated 87,240 individuals in the United States were diagnosed with a primary brain tumor in 2020;

Whereas, in the United States, brain tumors are the—

(1) leading cause of death from cancer in children who are under 14 years of age and teens who are under 19 years of age; and

(2) third leading cause of death from cancer in young adults who are between 20 and 39 years of age;

Whereas the average 5-year survival rate for an individual in the United States following the diagnosis of a primary malignant brain tumor is only 36 percent;

Whereas it is estimated that 18,600 individuals in the United States will die as a result of a malignant brain tumor in 2021;

Whereas brain tumors may be malignant or benign but can be life-threatening in either case;